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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Reverend Jeremy Brooks Robinson of Bethalto, who passed away on January 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Jeremy Robinson was born on April 24, 1968 in Chattanooga, Tennessee; his parents were Rev. Julian and Jeannie Robinson; he married Ginger Sanders in May of 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Jeremy Robinson graduated from Cleveland High School in Cleveland, Tennessee in 1986; he subsequently graduated from Lee University in 1990 and the Church of God Pentecostal Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Having acknowledged a ministerial calling at a very young age, Rev. Jeremy Robinson preached his first public message at the age of 10; at the age of 16, he became a credentialed minister with the Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee, where he rose to the rank of Ordained Bishop in 1993; he was a popular speaker for local church revivals, youth camps, conferences, and camp meetings throughout the country and outside the United States, where he also led mission teams to China, Brazil, and Paraguay; and

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1 WHEREAS, After marrying, Rev. Jeremy Robinson moved to
2 Florence, Kentucky, where he and his wife founded the Open Door
3 Community Church of God; they co-pastored the Open Door
4 Community Church for 12 years before moving to Bethalto in
5 February of 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, For the past 10 years, Rev. Jeremy Robinson and
7 his wife, Ginger, served as Senior Pastor of the Bethalto
8 Church of God in Bethalto, a community to which they became
9 well-known pastors at large through the church's ministry
10 efforts in and around the Riverbend area; and

11 WHEREAS, Rev. Jeremy Robinson was elected by his Church of
12 God ministerial colleagues at various times to serve as a
13 member of the Youth and Discipleship Board in Kentucky and the
14 State Councils of Kentucky and Illinois; he was also appointed
15 to other boards and committees, including the Pentecostal
16 Theological Seminary Board of Directors; and

17 WHEREAS, Rev. Jeremy Robinson was preceded in death by his
18 mother, Jeannie Robinson; and

19 WHEREAS, Rev. Jeremy Robinson is survived by his wife,
20 Ginger; 2 daughters, Madray and Mallory; his father, Julian B.
21 Robinson, and his wife, Peggy; 3 brothers and sisters-in-law,
22 Rev. Jeffrey B. (Carla) Robinson and Carla Robinson, Rev. Mark

1 and Delta Schrade, and Aaron and Tonya Barbee; 5 nephews,
2 Gabriel and Josiah Schrade, Stone Robinson, and Breckin and
3 Brock Barbee; and 2 nieces, Abigail and Lily Robinson;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Reverend Jeremy Brooks
8 Robinson; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Rev. Jeremy Robinson as an
11 expression of our sympathy.